Two years ago, Ukraine’s government announced an ambitious program of economic reforms. To date, however, these reforms have had a limited effect. Dissatisfaction with the lack of reform, especially reforms related to pension and welfare programs, has led to social tension. Energy concerns, including unresolved problems with Russia, continue to have a negative impact on the Ukrainian economy. The business climate also remains a challenge for domestic and international investors. The speakers will address these issues in analyzing the recent economic developments in Ukraine.

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